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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: KUWAITI REACTION TO ISRAELI "ANSWER" TO USG

1. KUWAITI DEP PRI MIN/FON MIN SHEIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD
REPORTEDLY RESPONDED TO PRESS QUERY ON JUNE 18 ON ISRAELI
ANSWER TO USG QUESTIONS BY SAYING THAT HE HAD NOT EXPECTED
THE ISRAELIS TO BE FORTHCOMING IN RELEASING THEIR HOLD ON
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. KUWAIT DAILY AL RAI AL AM (JUNE 20)
QUOTES HIM AS SAYING THAT NO ONE CAN EXPECT A CHANGE IN
ISRAELI POLICY, SINCE "ISRAEL BUILDS ITS POLICY ON AGRESSION,
EXPANSION AND TREACHERY."

2. SPEAKING TO EMBOFF JUNE 20, AMIRI DIWAN ASST. UNDERSEC,
SHEIKH IBRAHIM DUAIJ AL-SABAH, EXPRESSED KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT
WITH ISRAELI ANSWER, ASSERTING THAT IT WAS "TOTALLY
UNSATISFACTORY" AS BASIS FOR PROGRESS TOWARD MIDDLE EAST
PEACE AND INQUIRING WHAT US REACTION WAS. EMBOFF
DEMURRED, SAYING USG WAS STUDYING ISRAELI RESPONSE. SHEIKH
IBRAHIM URGED INCREASED USG "PRESSURE" TO CHANGE ISRAELI
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3. SOLE LOCAL EDITORIAL ON THE MATTER THROUGH JUNE 21
(AL RAI AL AM, JUNE 20) CONCLUDES THAT THE USG IS EITHER
INCAPABLE OF EXERTING OR UNWILLING TO EXERT NECESSARY
"PRESSURE" ON ISRAEL, AND THAT US APPEARS INDIFFERENT TO
ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AS LONG AS US INTERESTS IN THE AREA ARE

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